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A.—(A long sigh) I suppose so.
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NOTE OUR ADDRESS.

POULETT EARLDOM.

Lord Chief Justice Declines to Reopen Case.

London, Feb. 15.—The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Alverstone, refused today to reopen the case of Poulett vs. Poulett, in which his step-brother, the youthful Earl of Poulett, from the family estate. The Lord Chief Justice thus confirmed the previous judgment in the case whereby it was declared that Viscount Hinton, under a family settlement in 1853, was debarred from claiming the property in dispute.

BALLOT STUFFING.

Disgraceful State of Affairs Shown in London.

London, Ont., Feb. 15.—(Special)—An enquiry into ballot box frauds at the municipal election commenced yesterday before Judge Elliott. Only one ward was counted, this showing that in half a dozen instances more ballots were counted than were recorded on the poll book. In one case the totals were 250 and 239 respectively. In several cases deputies returned more ballots than had been handed them by the city clerks.

WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Results of Day's Play in Curling Tournament.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—There were many exciting games in the curling bonspiel today. Play was continued in all the leading competitions. Flavelle, the Lindsay expert, was put out of all the big events, being defeated by Steel, of Boissevain, and McLean, of Holland. Durban, of St. Paul, won his morning game in the grand challenge competition, but later was defeated in the Walkerville competition by Scott of the Winnipeg Comptines. Edwards, of Drayton, N. D., was beaten by McConaghay of Neepawa, 14 to 6. Smith, of Duluth, lost both his games, going down before Howan, of Minot, in the Caledonian, and Gibb, of Carlson, in the Walkerville. Rae, of Nelson, B. C., was beaten by Pace, of the Thistles, 13 to 5, in the Grand Challenge event. Play was stopped at 7 o'clock this evening, and will be resumed on Monday morning.

RIOTS IN TRIESTE.

Police Fire on Mobs and a Number of Persons Killed.

Trieste, Feb. 15.—Traffic is suspended and factories closed owing to collisions between strikers and police yesterday and today. At the squares and public buildings are occupied by soldiers and large contingents of the military forces are in readiness for immediate action. Business is suspended. A number of those who were wounded yesterday when the troops on the plaza fired a volley into a mob yesterday afternoon, killing six and wounding 20 persons, have since died.

Many black flags were flying this afternoon, and mobs paraded the streets, smashing the windows of those who did not display mourning. The result was that there were repeated encounters between the rioters, soldiers and police, and many arrests were made. One detachment of troops, which was attacked, retaliated by firing on the mob. A number of rioters were wounded.

MINING AT ALBERNI.

Increased Activity on Properties in the District.

Alberni, Feb. 12.—(Correspondence of Colonist)—The Hayes mine down the canal is putting on more men this week, and in consequence they have got all of the men from here and could not secure nearly as many as were wanted.

Mr. Rochester, the foreman for a Scotch syndicate on Sidney inlet, will leave tonight with a full complement of miners to begin development work on some fine copper properties at that place. A number of miners have been put to work on the Happy John claim, near the Monitor mines. The W. A. W. are getting ready to commence work again after being idle for nearly three years.

Mr. S. Stark, a mining man, is up from Snug basin. He has men working on a good copper proposition there.

The Indian children of the Presbyterian mission gave a splendid entertainment here last Tuesday night. Some of them have decided musical talent, and too much praise cannot be said of Mr. Motton, the principal; Mrs. Cameron, teacher, and the Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Presbyterian church here, for the wonderful success they have made of this institution during the last year.

The young people of the Church of England gave a musical entertainment last evening, concluding with a general comedy "Turn Him Out," in which Mr. Howett, Powell, Dr. Ross, Mrs. Haslam, and Miss Maybus were exceptionally good.

Capt. Geo. A. Huff has commenced making tri-weekly trips to Barlays Sound and way ports every week with his steamer. He will, if business requires, put on another steamer this summer.

A. W. Neil, M. P. P., will leave for Victoria Monday. James Redford and Mr. King returned from Vancouver today.

The new government building is nearing completion. It is being erected by Mr. Geo. Forrest, the well known local contractor.

BISHOP GRANDIN.

Passes a Better Night and Has Improved:

Edmonton, N. W. T., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Bishop Grandin passed a better night, and is somewhat easier today.

LOIRD DUFFERIN'S FUNERAL.

His Body Interred Yesterday at Clandeboye, Ireland.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—The remains of the Marquis of Dufferin, who died Wednesday last, were interred today at Clandeboye. The Duke of Argyle represented King Edward.

MILK FAMINE THREATENED.

Montreal Short on Supply For the City.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Montreal is threatened with a milk famine, and there is said to be shortage of five to six thousand gallons each day. The cause is attributed to high cost of feed for cattle.

BEATTY LINE BOUGHT.

Northern Transportation Company Acquires All the Stock.

Parry Sound, Ont., Feb. 15.—(Special)—The Northern Navigation Company has acquired all the stock of the Northwestern Transportation company, formerly known as the Beatty line of steamers.

CHESS BY CABLE.

British Chess Club Accepts Dates For Match With Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The British Chess club has written to the Brooklyn Chess club accepting the dates of March 14 and 15, and for the seventh annual match by cable for Sir George Newnes' trophy.

CANADA AND EMPIRE.

Dominion Should Pay For Her Contingents.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black, in a lecture before the Daughters of the Empire last night, declared that Canada should pay her share of the Imperial war expenditure, and particularly should bear the expense of her own contingents.

KRUMZINGER'S SENTENCE.

Mr. Brodrick Declines to Interfere With Kitchener.

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AT OTTAWA.

Vice-Regal Levee—Province Requested to Amend Anti-Oriental Legislation.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 15.—(Special)—The vice-regal levee tonight was a very swell function. The capital is crowded with visitors, and hundreds paid their respects to Lord and Lady Minto.

Lady Dufferin has sent a grateful message to the government for their condolences.

The Press association will interview the government on Monday regarding the further reductions of duty on paper.

The British Columbia government has been requested by the Dominion to amend the anti-Oriental clauses in statutes passed last session, including the Victoria Terminal Act, which provides that Chinese and Japanese are not to be employed.

FEW BOOKINGS.

Only One Show at the Victoria Theatre During the Coming Week—Dates Changed.

The Victoria theatre was open but one night last week, when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra gave their excellent concert, which was greatly enjoyed by lovers of music. During the coming week also there will be one performance at the house, "Whose Baby Are You?" in three acts. The piece is so dexterously constructed that it is a veritable tangle of bungling mistakes, and the eccentric characters are perpetually playing at cross purposes with the result that at the end of the second act everything is confused and the most side-splitting situations and amorous complications occur. It requires the pen of genius to convert farce—all caused by the presence of an innocent baby in a studio of a somewhat mischievous old artist, who it is found by his mischievous colleague claims.

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PRINCE HENRY SAILS.

Toronto Thieves Rob a Store in Cool Mauser.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—(Special)—A daring robbery was committed in a populous portion of this city last night, when two men entered Mrs. R. Bernstein's cigar store, corner of King street East and Frederick street, and stole \$50 from the till. Miss Cranston, an aged woman, was in charge of the store when the men entered, their caps pulled down over their eyes. Miss Cranston was in the dining room beyond the shop, and one of the men came quietly into the room and, before the woman had time to realize his object, leveled a pistol at her head, threatening to shoot if she screamed. His companion meanwhile rifled the till, then telling the man with the pistol all was right, the robbers made off.

CURLING AT WINNIPEG.

Progress of the Bonspiel—Nelson Has Some Successes.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 14.—The bonspiel play today was in the Royal Caledonian and Grand Challenge Championship. Dunbar, the St. Paul crack, won his first game in the Caledonian from James McKenzie, of Indian Head, but later in the day he suffered his first defeat from W. F. Pugh, of the Winnipeg Thistles, after a hard game.

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AN IMPORTANT PRISONER.

Among the prisoners reported captured, in Lord Kitchener's despatches recently, was Captain Muller, of the late Stans artillery, an officer who has been very active throughout the war, and whose fighting qualities are greatly appreciated by the Boers. A somewhat romantic story is told of this officer's marriage. The date for this was fixed on a day that happened to coincide with Lord Roberts' advance on Johannesburg. The gallant officer compromised between love and duty by getting a day's leave to visit Pretoria to get married, promising to be back at his post the same evening. The leave was given, and the journey to and from Pretoria and the marriage ceremony was performed within sunrise and sunset, and husband and wife never met again until a long time afterwards, when the lady obtained leave from the British authorities to go and induce her husband to surrender. This he declined to do, and has been very active in the field up to his capture.

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Its strength as a blood purifier is demonstrated by its marvelous cures of

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All Kinds of Humor, Psoriasis

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BORN.

CLEVELAND—At Vancouver, B. C., on February 13th, the wife of Mr. Alex. Cleland, of a son.

MARRIED.

CLEVELAND—SCOTT—At Vancouver, B. C., on February 14th, Mr. Frank Augustus Cleland, and Miss Jennie Scott.

LANGLEY—SMITH—At Langley, on February 13th, Mr. G. Langley, of the firm of Price & Co., Vancouver, and Miss Smith, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, of Langley.

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Blue Ribbon Tea
it's because you've never tasted it.

Ferry Steamer To Be Built

C.P.N. Contracts With Swan & Hunter, of Newcastle, For Fine Craft.

Will Have Speed of Eighteen Knots And Have Double Bottom.

The announcement made by the Colonists some time ago that a fast steamer to ply between Victoria and Vancouver was to be built in England for the C.P.R. has proved to be correct. Capt. Troup, manager of the C.P.N. company, has announced that a contract has been awarded to Swan & Hunter of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the construction of a 18 knot steamer. The dimensions already described. The steamer will have an iron hull, and a double bottom. She will have twin screws, and be modelled and furnished on the most approved pattern, being specially designed for the service between Victoria and Vancouver, a route upon which the Charmer has been so long in service.

The new ferry steamer is to be delivered at the yards of the British ship-builders next winter, and will then be brought around the Horn to Victoria. Chief Engineer Richardson, superintendent engineer of the C.P.N. steamers, will leave at once for Newcastle-on-Tyne to superintend the work of building the steamer. The report that the contract for the building of the new steamer had been awarded has been erroneous in this city since Thursday, but has been denied.

The negotiations for a new Empress liner and a new steamer for the Skagway run are still being carried on, and the company is continually in correspondence with the shipbuilders of Canada, Britain, and the United States regarding tenders and prices for the projected steamers. A report is current in this connection that negotiations are in progress on the Atlantic coast for the purchase of a steamer for the Skagway route, but the report cannot be verified. The Empress liner, for which money was appropriated at the annual meeting of the C.P.R., will no doubt be built. Another projected steamer of the local navigation company is for the route from Victoria to Naas and way ports. Plans are being prepared for this steamer, as was told in the Colonist, some days ago, but it has not yet been definitely decided to build the steamer. This boat will be a wooden vessel, with two decks, and single screw, built specially for the requirements of the service.

With the new steamers of the C.P.N. company, and other new vessels being built and projected for the British Columbia coast and Skagway service, there will be many new steamers in service in British Columbia waters before long. The steamer Venture, a freight-steamer of a novel model on this coast, is being built on the upper harbor at the yards of the Victoria Machinery Depot, after plans which have been described in these columns. A fine new sternwheeler is to be built at the same yards for the Hudson's Bay Company for service on the Skeena and Stikine rivers, and there is talk of another large passenger steamer to be built for the Skagway trade, but nothing definite has yet been decided in this regard.

TEES SALLS.

The Steamer For Naas and Way Ports Takes Much Freight North.

The steamer Tees sailed for Naas and way ports last night. She had a small cargo freight, including a large boiler built by the Albion Iron Works for R. Cunningham & Son, and a large amount of saw mill machinery for the steam saw mill of the same firm at Port Essington, the port where the ocean steamer Meets the sternwheeler on the Skeena. There was also a smattering of other freight, mostly supplies and provisions for the villages, mining and logging camps, canneries and other settlements along the coast. From Vancouver a consignment of lumber is to be shipped North. Among the passengers of the steamer were Peter Hermann, the well known Skeena river canner; J. McIntosh, D. A. Good, G. C. Willey, and J. Herd. The next steamer sailing for the North will be the Boscowitz, which resumes service on Thursday next.

NEW LAKE STEAMER.

Capt. Troup Will Inspect the York on Okanagan Lake.

The official inspection and trial trip of the new C.P.R. steamer York, now on Okanagan lake, will take place next week. Capt. Troup, general superintendent of the C.P.R. coastwise boats, and Mr. F. W. Richardson, boiler inspector, will leave shortly for the purpose of taking the craft out on her trial spin.

NEW LAKE STEAMER.

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The York is a sectional steel boat 90 feet in length. Her hull was built by the Polson Iron Works, Toronto, and transported to Okanagan Landing over the road for Seattle, via China and Japan.

Kobe—Sailed, Feb. 13, Clavering, from Liverpool for Tacoma.

Portland—Sailed, Feb. 14, str. Fulton, for San Pedro; bk Charles Gouaud, for Queenstown.

Queenstown—Sailed, Am sehr J. M. Weatherby, for San Francisco.

Hoboken—Arrived, Feb. 13, str. Lillian, from San Francisco for Aberdeen.

Sailed for Aberdeen for San Francisco, str. Coronado, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; str. Newburg, from Aberdeen for Santa Barbara; str. Santa Barbara, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; str. Santa Barbara, via women from Aberdeen for San Pedro; str. Dauntless, from Aberdeen for San Pedro.

The Marine Exchange reports the following:

Seattle—Sailed, Feb. 14, str. Cottage City, for Sitcha; str. Al-Ki, for Skagway. Arrived str. Kintuck, from Singapore.

Port Townsend—Inward, Feb. 13, Br. dk. Eaton for Tacoma; bk. Tidal Wave, for Port Gamble for San Francisco; bkt. Skagit, from Port Gamble for San Pedro. 5 p.m., rain; east wind, sixteen miles. Outward, for Asuncion, from Tacoma for San Francisco.

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PARTY LEADERSHIP.

A correspondent objects to our views
as to the correct way to select a party
leader. The subject is one upon which
no one can speak the final word, for
what is the proper course must always
be a matter of opinion. We think all
precedent is against the plan followed by
the Liberals at Vancouver. We think,
also, that such a course is essentially
bad. The term "party leader" is the
purest kind of courtesy title. We do not
think any case can be found before that
of Mr. Joseph Martin where a public
man signed himself with such a title. We
think it would be exceedingly difficult
to cite an instance where any ac-
knowledged party leader ever so styled
himself in a speech. No one, for ex-
ample, would imagine that Mr. Glad-
stone would ever have signed or styled
himself "Liberal Leader of the United
Kingdom," or that Beaconsfield would
have styled himself "Conservative
Leader." We can readily understand
that many people would like to see a
recognized leader for the political party
with which they are associated, but
there is only one way known to British
institutions by which a leader can be
secured, and that is by some one display-
ing such qualities that the party will be
satisfied to be led by him.

Let us take a case exactly in point. Mr. R. L. Borden was chosen after the last Dominion election by the Conservatives in Parliament as their Parliamentary leader, but it would be quite incorrect to describe him as the Conservative Leader of Canada. No one would claim that Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster, and others, whose names can readily be recalled, are followers of Mr. Borden. The rank and file of the Conservative Party throughout the Dominion do not ac-
knowledge Mr. Borden as their leader. All join in recognizing him as the parliamentary leader of the party, and the Liberals do the same, but he has yet to demonstrate those qualities which will
ensure him the leadership of the party throughout the country. It does not even follow that a man becomes the leader of a party because he is made premier. Thus when in 1866 Peter Mitchell was called upon to form a government in New Brunswick, he took in S. L. Tilley, and the latter was at once recognized as the leader of the Confederate Party. Very much more recently we find a large body of the Conservatives declining to recognize the leadership of Sir Charles Tupper, although he was both Premier and Parliamentary leader. Edward Blake was Parliamentary Leader of the Liberals and many party conventions declared their confidence in him as a party leader. But Mr. Blake was never accepted by the rank and file of the Liberals as their leader in the sense that the Conservatives accepted Sir John Macdonald, and the Liberals now accept Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In dealing with federal politics, the Liberals at Vancouver took the correct course. They declared their confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of their party. Neither they nor any other convention ever chose Sir Wilfrid as leader.

The place where the honor and responsibility of leadership are to be gained is either on the hustings during an election campaign or on the floors of parliament, or leadership may be the result of some specific act. For further illustration, let us refer to Rosebery's case. He recently made what was expected to be an important speech, and which was important, although not sensational. That speech may yet result in his becoming the leader of the British Liberals; but he will never be chosen for the position by a convention or even by a parliament-

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Laid at Rest.—The remains of the late Rev. James Christie, M.A., were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. S. P. Innes, Jubilee avenue, at 2 p.m., and at the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock. Impressive services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by the Rev. D. MacRae, and appropriate hymns were sung. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Dr. G. H. Duncan, C. H. Baxter, T. S. Gore and H. Fitter.

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At Christ Church cathedral, Rev. Canon Beale will preach at the morning service, and Rev. W. Baugh Allen in the evening. The musical arrangements are as follows:

MORNING.

Voluntary—Elevation Batiste

Venite Kempton

Benedicite Turner

Hymn Garrett

Fantasia 92, 37, 296

Batiste Berthold Tours

EVENING.

Voluntary—Eloquence Sydney Smith

Magnificat Henry Smart

Nunc Dimittis St. John

Hymn 254, 198, 91

March in E Volckmar

MORNING.

Voluntary—Romance in D flat Lemare

Hymn Not Your Heart Be Troubled 127

Antiphon—O My Soul Trembath

Hymn 134

Offertory—Sumerfield Schumann

Hymn 135

Voluntary—Andante Pastorale Loud

EVENING.

Voluntary—Prière—Offertoire Devred

Hymn 183

Antiphon—O My Soul 127

Hymn 134

Offertory—Sumerfield Schumann

Hymn 135

Voluntary—Andante Pastorale Loud

EVENING.

Voluntary—Prière—Offertoire Devred

Hymn 183

Antiphon—O My Soul 127

Hymn 134

Offertory—Sumerfield Schumann

Hymn 135

Voluntary—Andante Pastorale Loud

EVENING.

Voluntary—Oh, Shining Light Adams

At the Centennial Methodist church, Rev. W. H. Barracough, B. A., pastor, services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services.

At St. Barnabas' church, the services for the day will be: Matins at 10:30 a. m.; chorale eucharist at 11 a. m., and evensong at 7 p. m. The preacher at both services will be the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller. The music set for the day follows:

MORNING.

Voluntary—Cathedral Psalter Sydney Smith

Benedicite Henry Smart

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, 125-8 p.m. SYNOPSIS.

An extensive ocean storm area with a centre of 29.30 inches off Vancouver Island, covers the North Pacific Ocean. It has moved through the Pacific, the weather becoming more moderate, moving from 50 here to 70 in Western Oregon. The weather in the Territories and Manitoba is fair and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURE.

Victoria 42 51
New Westminster 38 44
Kamloops 28 35
Vancouver 41 44
Calgary 4 14
Winnipeg 4 26
Portland, Ore 42 61
San Francisco 54 64

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Sunday.

Victoria and Vicinity: Strong winds or gales, chiefly southerly, unsettled and decidedly mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland: Easterly to southerly winds, fine to clear. Gulf, continued unsettled and mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m. noon and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15.

Deg. 5 a.m. 47 Mean. 47
Noon 49 Highest. 51
5 p.m. 49 Lowest. 42

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THE FASHIONS OF THE SEASON

The Unusual Variety of Styles of Coiffure--The
Lily-Shaped Dress Skirt--Low-Necked
Bodices at High Social Functions.

NOT in many years have there been seen so many different styles of coiffures as have appeared at all full-dress functions this season, and very interesting, indeed, is the study of the greatly varied forms of hair-dressing each coiffure, as a rule, gracefully conforming to the face and style of its wearer. To only one in many hundreds of women is the classic Greek style, with fillet of gems or ribbon, in any degree becoming. The low Langtry and Naomi forms are also trying to most faces. It has been once and again asserted that the pompadour has had its day, but at any fashionable evening gathering one can quickly see that it remains a very favorite style with both debutante, matron and dowager, and just now this picturesque and stately form of hair-dressing is not carried to excess, and there have also been provided some original and pretty decorations, which impart additional effect to the long popular pompadour arrangement. One called "le croissant noir" is made of black velvet in crescent shape. It is adjusted to the front of the hair, where it is caught directly in the comb, with a diamond pin. The strands are caught to the hair with small pins. This is an ornament which can be very easily made, and yet the one in the black velvet is most favorite head-dress in Paris, both for opera and theatre wear, and it is too delicate in make to obstruct the view of those sitting behind you. Extremely high-standing loops, alabrettes, and bows are no longer worn in Paris, a cluster of shaded green velvet maiden-hair fern, and a single pink rose arranged on a very long pin, and thrust among the coils or loops of the hair at one side, is becoming and pretty. Another youthful arrangement shows the waved front of the hair parted on the left side, with a single, rather large rose well set in front of the right side. Sometimes this rose almost touches the forehead. White tulle, as lights and diaphanous as a summer cloud, is made into a fluffy chou, and similarly placed. A novel hair ornament called "boules de neige" is composed of three small snowballs made of swan's down, fastened on a long gilt pin, one standing up a trifle higher than the other two. Another new ornament is a bunch of spangled poppies of a beautiful shade of red, with a certain type of face, and a sort of coiffure, this is a most elegant and becoming selection. A third beautiful hair-decoration is one large single orchid in the different shades of purple and pale violet, worn on the left side, and laid rather flat against the head.

There are now very many of our high-class modistes who do not wait at the opening of the season for "word from Paris" concerning dominating styles, American designers have the choicest of modes ready for inspection and approval quite early in the season as those across the sea, and American tailors have this year vied with each other in their efforts to secure novelties in design and fabric that shall so attract and charm their extensive clientele as to induce the most fastidious of their patrons to order their entire wardrobes in this country, instead of obtaining the greater portion from Paris or London. Certainly there is a very wide range of choice to be found here, for both French and London styles are exhibited, with a bit of fine American taste introduced--modifying foreign ideas, in union with what is most suitable and becoming according to our own point of view. The personal taste of the cultivated and experienced tailors and modistes of our great cities has, of course, to be exercised in the choice of models and materials which he presents to his various customers, and it is most interesting to note what totally different creations can be provided here, yet each and all showing that indelible trade-mark which stamps them as the latest, smartest modes.

At recent very fashionable social functions, low-neck bodices have in a great degree taken the place of the charming style of a few seasons past made with yokes or ruffles of lace or net. In point of fact, this is a departure in a wrong direction, for however effectively such a bodice may set off a pair of well-rounded and showy shoulders, it invariably takes somewhat from the beauty of even the loveliest face. On a recent full-dress occasion, a young matron in black Lyons velvet wore the bodice low and sleeves short. The dimpled shoulders and creamy neck, with a diamond necklace glittering thereon, detracted not a little, however, from the effects of the handsome face, which against the whiteness of the neck looked heated and a bit too highly colored for delicate beauty. Against the black velvet, or against a dainty guimpe veiling of white lace with no bare white shoulders in view, the face would have looked fresh and charming.

All the early prophesies in regard to the continuation of the lily-shaped dress-skirt with flaring fullness below the knee are quite likely to materialize among spring styles. This flare will be accomplished in various new and pretty ways. Grace is still evidently to be the keynote in matter of dress, while all the soft beautiful wools of the new season will contribute their share to the clinging down-sweeping scheme of La Mode. The fashions will continue to demand graceful forms with almost fragile slenderness, to demonstrate their dominant charms; but the spring modishness will prove legions, and will produce the necessary cachet, and render these trying styles not only possible, but also very attractive to women of nearly every figure and type, and added to the art shown by our modern prestidigitators, they will have a small world of elegant and enchanting fabrics and trimmings with which to aid them in their work of transformation.

A smart French tailor costume recently worn was of stem green velvet, with five bias folds of green velvet on the skirt. The jacket was of the cloth the skirt. The jacket was of the cloth trimmed with green applique design, outlined in silver. The vest was of cream lace in a rather heavy Russian design, and the collar and belt were of green Liberty satin. Another gown of brown Venetian cloth has a trimming of embroidered silk, edged on each side with brown fur. There was the effect of a double bolero of brown velvet and brown corded silk, with a narrow vest, showing off the embroidered, almond-colored silk. A velvet girdle was slashed across the front, the decorated silk showing between the velvet strips fastened with fancy buttons. There were close coat-sleeves to the elbow, with a cuff of the corded silk and slightly full undersleeves of the embroidered silk.

For early spring costumes, where a newer and more elaborate decoration than silk girdles is desired, will be used some very handsome broad ornaments, the variety of design of which will make it possible to please all tastes. There will be displayed elaborate set pieces

icans as judges of cooking was that they were ignorant, but quick and ready to learn. As a ruler he said, Americans could not tell a good cheese, yet the best judge of that wine he ever met was Judge Traux, of New York. Josaphat used strongly to deprecate a custom once in vogue in this country. "Women," he said, "would often take a chop or a cup of tea an hour or so before going to dinner-party, to make it appear that they had little, bird-like appetites. That's quite unnatural. Nothing is more displeasing to the eye than a tastefully-dressed woman dining enjoyably at a well-served table. The fork in her hands has the same grace as a fan."

OF CAMILLO URSO.

Camilla Urso, for many years a violinist famous in Europe and America, died in New York on January 20th, after a brief illness. She was a remarkable instance, almost in boyhood, of precocious musical genius. The mingling of two of the most musical of southern races flowed in her veins. Her father, Salvator Urso, was Sicilian, an organist and flutist of great merit. Her mother, Emilie Gironard, was a Portuguese.

In Nantes, France, on June 13th, 1842, Camilla was born. Almost in infancy she proved her possession of the inherited gift of harmony. Carried to the opera night after night by her father, who was first flutist in the orchestra, the child sat in rapt delight through all the long performances. At the age of six she announced her wish to learn the violin. A year later she made her debut at a concert. Soon after this concert, Signor Urso took his daughter to Paris, and for three years she studied at the Conservatoire, practicing ten hours every day. At the end of that time she appeared at the public concerts of Paris, at the Salle Herz, the Societe Polytechnique, the Conservatoire, and the Association of Musical Artists.

In the summer of 1852, she visited America with her father, and appeared before the Germania society in New York. At the end of a year she played at six of Alboni's concerts, and then Miss Urso proposed to add the youthful violinist to her own concert tour for the winter, and in December, 1853, Camilla joined her in Cincinnati. In March, 1854, they parted. Miss Sonntag leaving New Orleans for Mexico, where two months later she died from cholera.

Camilla Urso, in 1856, made an engagement to tour the West, but through misfortunes was left alone and penniless in Nashville, Tenn. Her courage rose with the occasion, and she gave a concert on her own account. This was a success, and enabled her to return to New York. In 1859 she visited the Pacific Coast, and enjoyed a great popularity.

After her marriage to Frederic Lure, Miss Urso retired from the concert stage for some years, but on her reappearance she was still able to draw large audiences.

SOCIAL TRAITS OF BROWNING.

In his immense humanity he refused to make distinctions of manner among those of his own class of life who approached him, always accepting the rare cases where base qualities had been proved beyond a doubt to his mind. The thing he most abhorred was untruthfulness; even insincerity in its most conventional form was detestable to an upright mind which loved and sought for truth in all its phases. His first impulse was to think well of people, to like them to respect them; they were human souls, and the efforts to him of the greatest earthly interest. He conversed affably with all. Lover of beauty as he was, he would talk as pleasantly with dull old ladies as with young and pretty ones. He made himself delightful at a dinner party; whether the other guests chanced to be of mediocre intelligence or of superior brains, his fund of sparkling anecdote for all was never exhausted. In this, as in many other ways, one learned from him the lesson of self-forgetfulness. He never asked, "Do these people amuse me? Do I find them agreeable?" His only thought was, "Let me try to make their time pass pleasantly."—The late Mrs. Arthur Bronson, in the *Century Magazine*.

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Builders There Have Not Knowledge Enough to Turn Them Out Successfully.

From New York Sun.

The torpedo boat question, which involves also that of torpedo boat destroyers, is revived by the report of a naval board appointed to inspect the vessels now building and by a very unusual request made by the builders. The latter have applied to the Secretary of the Navy for payments amounting to an increase of 40 per cent over the contract price, on the ground that the work has proven much more costly than was expected, and that in nearly every case they have lost largely. Of course the Secretary can make no such allowance; but if he declines the request fair, his endorsement will be of weight when congress comes to decide upon it, it will be called upon to do without doubt.

The torpedo craft now under construction were authorized in May, 1898. The bids were so low that the department warned the bidders that they would probably lose money. As it is, two contracting firms have already failed, and it may be a mere matter of policy to allow the firms which have yet been accepted by the government the board says:

"The building of successful torpedo vessels having the 'biggest practicable speed' is an occupation that requires designing talents of a high order and prolonged experience in construction. There are comparatively few successful builders of torpedo vessels in the world, but the attempt was made in this country to rival the best results attained abroad with designs which were not based on the known results of a large number of previous vessels, and by builders whose knowledge and experience were of a limited character."

It is little wonder, though the board does not say so, that the results have not come up to the expectations. Official designs have proved inadequate and private designs, except in one case, have likewise failed. The exception is due to the fact that the Barb Iron Works prepared the designs of Normand, a successful French builder, which they bought from him complete. All the vessels built on the department's designs that have been tried are greatly overweight and appear subject to excessive vibrations causing breakdowns when the machinery is run at high speed.

None of the 16 destroyers, the board reports, will reach even the minimum speed required for their acceptance. "It is probable that no one of them will be an entirely 'satisfactory vessel.' The torpedo boats are in like condition; except those built on Normand's plan, they are reported as being 'deficient in strength to resist vibrations at the stern and the effect of waves on large flat surfaces at the bow, and to render them seaworthy at least one parting stringer should be run along at the bow and stern.' The board thinks it will be necessary for the government to deal leniently with the contractors if it does not wish to force them to the wall."

In view of the experience of the British government with the destroyers constructed too lightly, and of the recent decision of the British Admiralty to build slower and stronger torpedo craft, it might be expedient for us to cause the vessels now under construction to be strengthened even at a certain loss of speed.

This furnished the first key to the remarkable series of symbols which have puzzled the archaeologist, because of their resemblance to the symbols which were known to all the ancient peoples of Asia, Northern Africa and even Europe. These symbols have been found in the

temple of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., as his maxim that "no man has a right to con-

sume more than he produces," and, living up to that principle, he educated his children's hands as well as their heads, and when they left school he required each to learn a trade.

Russell Sage employs a "bouncer" nowadays--a giant who stands within reach of everyone admitted to the aged millionaire's private office. The other day a man while talking to Mr. Sage reached for his hip pocket. The bouncer held him in an iron grip in about a second. The man was reaching for a handkerchief.

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-T. H. TWIGG

MUMMER'S SICK.

AVE ye fed them 'orses, Percy?
Martha! Just' go in ter "Mum."
(Now then, Stan! don't cry, my son!)
I'll pop up to you, and you yer sonie!
Percy, you to an' put the saddle
On the yaller mare; be quick!

Tell yer auntie, Mummer's sick;
Leave the saddle down—Frae Stanley!

Let the saddle down—Frae Stanley!

Come along and play with Pupper,
An' 'ell yet yet see's is gun.

Is the kettle boilin', Martha?

Take yer Mummer in some tea,
Then you go an' lay yer sonie!

Now, I'll just wait fer me!

Pupper pur 'is boy ta hye-bye?

Daddy undress Little Stan?

See if we can git 'is boots off!

That's "is daddy's little boots!"

Leave down—Frae Stanley!

Mumma, fetch a hit more wood.

(All right, Mummer!) Good night, Stanley!

Go to by-bye and be good!

Er'e's a bite o' somethin', Mummer!

There now! let me raise you, 'end!

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A STOLEN SNAP-SHOT

By Canning Williams.

AMES HARLAND, the well-known contributor of short stories to the Imperial Magazine, had no greater admirer than Hetty Langdale, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Langdale, of "Elmhurst," Maywood. When a new number of that deservedly popular periodical came into her hands she immediately turned to the contents page, and scanned the list of authors with a degree of eagerness which would have been highly gratifying to Mr. Harland had he known that he was the cause of it; and, if the list happened to include that gentleman's name (as it frequently did), her pretty face lit with pleasure.

She was delighted, therefore, when she saw her favorite's name in a recent number of the Imperial as the author of "A Fair Slumberer," the illustration being by the celebrated Franklin, and from a photograph: Forgetting her usual habit she first gazed at the pictures; they gave her an idea of the drift of the story, and helped her imagination of the scenes. Suddenly her pleasant expression gave place to a transformation apparently to a photograph of a principal character in the tale. She examined the trimming of the hat, the pattern of the blouse, the buckle of the belt. There could be no doubt about it; the girl lying asleep in the lane was none other than Hetty herself!

"What impudence!" she exclaimed, almost stamping with surprise.

She re-examined the offending illustration only to be more firmly convinced that it was indeed she who was reclining in blissful unconsciousness on the flower-banked bank.

Seeing her mother she handed the open magazine to her.

"Do you know that girl?" she asked, pointing to the photograph.

Mrs. Langdale elegantly placed her pine-needles upon her well-shaped nose.

"She bears a most remarkable resemblance to yourself, Hetty," she replied.

"The hat?" said Hetty.

Mrs. Langdale minutely studied that piece of millinery.

"It's the hat that you wore last summer!" she cried exultingly.

"The blouse?"

The pine-needles again.

"You bought the material at Crawford's! I remember the pattern distinctly!"

"Then I shall do it," said Hetty resolutely.

"Do what, my dear?"

"I shall write to the editor for Harland's address, and demand an apology. Holding me to public ridicule!"

"But did you not know that the photograph was taken? Did you not pose for it?"

"Pose! My dear mother, I know nothing about it! I expect that man Harland must have been prowling around here last summer, and found me asleep on the bank, and had the impudence to photograph me!"

And, leaving her mother to recover from the shock as best she could, Hetty went to her desk, and, in a stylish, dash-ing hand, wrote to the editor:

"Miss Langdale sends her compliments to the editor of the Imperial Magazine, and requests him to oblige her with the address of Mr. James Harland, the author of the story in this month's

Scotch Estate Romance

WRTERS of romance have in the past found in dry court records the material for sprightly tales, but seldom has a legal case presented such a wealth of material as the action over the estate of the late George Johnson, laird of Lathriss, in Fifeshire, which has been in the Scottish courts for some time. The records of the case, involving an eccentric old bachelor, supposed to have died intestate within the last year, are exciting family history, extending back to the days when the country flourished on the coast of Scotland's strange flights to foreign lands, which resulted in the fugitives acquiring remarkable wealth, read like a well-planned novel. Every factor of the successful story was there except the climax, which now has been furnished by the discovery of a will sewed up in an old dress, and still more of a climax—the will is to be proved by the watermark in the paper on which it is said to have been forged.

All the details except, perhaps, a little of the ancient history, came out in a court presided over by a dignified judge and in a land where perjury is a crime that is punished. The first of the Johnsons worthy of attention is David, who was born of humble parents in Falkland in 1731. At the age of twenty he was employed as a poor, penniless boy to a druggist. The boy soon became interested in smuggling—at that time regarded in Fife as a dangerous but not disgraceful occupation. The coast from Elie Ness to Kinghorn was dotted with hidden coves and shallow bays, which furnished convenient landing places for the "free traders," as smugglers were called in Fife. David Johnson was particularly fortunate in his smuggling ventures, and soon ceased to carry the post. As time passed he grew rich from the sale of contraband goods. One unfortunate night he encountered the English authorities, and in the night which followed struck one of them on the head with a club. Believing that he had killed his man he fled, taking with him a considerable sum of money.

India offered the daring adventurer opportunities for acquiring untold wealth, and Johnson went to India. He started on the India plains and made money rapidly. The India India company had the idea that Hindostan might become a rival to China as an open-ing country. Johnson made a bold stroke in that direction and in five years returned to Scotland a wealthy man.

Not daring to go to Fife, for fear that his old comrades might recognize him, he settled in Aberdeen and married. Then he went to Sweden to live. When an old man he returned to Fife, determined to become a laird, and purchased the estate at Lathriss, in the parish of Kettle. On his death the estate fell to his son, William, who had fought through the Napoleonic wars with the rank of captain.

He was the principal in a romantic marriage with a poor girl of Strathmire. As Robert of Normandy was captured by the twinkling feet of the fair Arietta, so William Johnson met and fell in love with pretty Jean Douglas when she was engaged in the lonely task of a Scottish washing day of the olden time. He sent her to Perth for a bit of education, and their married life was most happy. On her death William became extremely eccentric. He organized his servants into a militia company and trained them with frequent drills. The work of the estate was carried on under military orders. In his old age he acquired an "earth hunger." He added estate after estate to the large property left him by his father, and at the time of his death was the wealthiest landowner in Fifeshire.

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At the age of forty-five, in the year 1868, George Johnson came into an estate supposed to be worth over £1,000,000. He returned to the home from which he had been so long estranged, and took in the life of a Scotch laird. A lonely life it was, for he speedily developed the morose disposition displayed by his father. Some say it was because of the sins of the grandfather, others that he was born with the "true Scotch spirit." He often durst his whole life he was regarded as a misogynist, and never once was there gossip of an approaching marriage. He kept closely to the mansion, rarely traveling beyond its gates and never farther than to Falkland or Edinburgh. He had an ungovernable temper, of which many strange stories were told. He died in December last year, and a careful search revealed no will. His entailed estates, valued at some £325,000, fell to Lieut. C. J. M. Magill Crichton. The personalty amounting to £50,000, went to the next of kin. The case was settled up a few months ago, and the new laird took possession of his estates.

Imagine the consternation in Fifeshire when, early in December, there was filed for record a will alleged to be the last testament of George Johnson. The attorneys said that the will had been found sewed in the skirt of an old dress, the owner of which died some months ago. Whether or not the owner of the dress was privy to the scheme and consented to its being used as a hiding-place for the will, the solicitors did not know. The document was dated in 1869, the year after his father's death, and was a most remarkable document. The bulk of the estate was left to "Miss Ann Preston, whom I dearly love," and provided that in case of her death the property was to be divided among her heirs. She died some years ago. The will cannot effect the entailed property, but if accepted by the court will mean a redistribution of the £350,000 of personal property.

At first there was little doubt as to the validity of the will, and it was filed at Edinburgh by reputable solicitors. Then the signature of one of the witnesses was called into question. This led to an examination of the paper on which the will was written, and experts were summoned to determine its age. Misses Annadale & Son, of Polton Park Mills, declared that the paper on which the will was written was first produced in Paris in December, 1869, and took the first prize at the Paris exhibition. It was a imitation hand-made paper of a superior quality, and has come to be extensively used in law and commercial offices. If the age of the paper can be established as under two years, it is obvious that the will could not have been executed in 1869. The last development was the withdrawal from the case of the solicitors who had presented the will for probate. It is said they took this step at the insistence of "Miss Ann Preston, whom I dearly love," died in 1866, three years before the will is alleged to have been made by Johnson.—New York Tribune.

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